

24 Sept 2010 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dear Family Members,

As time quickly approaches for this deployment, you are probably asking "Where is the place Families can say their good-byes?" Brigade personal has stated it will be at each Unit's designated area. The Soldiers will load their bags onto a bus, the Soldier depending on how much time they have from when they load their bags and depart, can and will have time to have their Families see them off. Once on the bus they go to a secure area to swipe their id cards and finish getting ready to deploy. We ask that you do not follow the bus to that location, Soldiers will need to start focusing on their Mission that is ahead of them. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your BN's or their FRSA's to get assistance or information about the procedure. We will not publically announce any information on flight times for security purposes. Have your Soldier keep you informed on this information.

Thank you, The Brigade Command Team

Morale Call Information: For free calls to your Families from overseas, here is the procedure that I received from the Fort Riley Post Operator. Call the DSN number of 312-856-3911 and here are the instructions:

1) Press 2 or say Morale Call, or if you are calling during Operator hours (M-Thur 0730-1730, Friday 0730-1630 and they are off every other Friday- for example they are off 1 Oct and do not work on weekends) Press 0 and you will be connected to an Operator

2) Give them or dial the number you want to connect too. There are some rules for this , they are as follows:

a. If you live on Fort Riley, in or in Junction City, or Wakefield- there is no time limit on the call

b. But if it's considered a long distance call then it will be a 10 minute call but you can call back as many times as you like per the Operator I spoke with. Please note that Ogden it is considered a long distance call

1ID Div Newsletter was NOT available at the time of this email and will be posted for you to view at the following link in the next couple of days at :

http://www.1id.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=1ID_FRG_Updates .

Fort Riley Post Thrift Shop Fall Disbursement Campaign is Under Way, All non-profit organizations are welcome to apply for funds given away by Fort Riley Post Thrift Shop. Stop in the store today at 267 Stuart Avenue and pick up an application. All applications must be postmarked by September 28th, 2010 or hand delivered to the store by September 30th, 2010. Announcement of awarded funds will be made by October 4th 2010.

*****IMPORTANT SURVEY***** Fort Riley Family Members, Do you want 151 Family Members to decide which Garrison services are important to you? Currently, that is how many have completed the Customer Service Assessment. We still need your input on where the Garrison focuses funding and manpower. Do you like free/discounted childcare during a deployment, the services that MWR provides, Fall Apple Day or any other activity or facility on post? Please share your opinions and suggestions so Garrison can focus the limited resources in the right areas. Below is a link to the Installation Management Command Customer Service Assessment (CSA). This assessment is a web-based, diagnostic tool that identifies Garrison services most important to the customer and evaluates how well the Garrison provides each service. Family Members are asked to take the assessment and encourage other you know that may be eligible

(Contractors, Retirees, Soldiers, Veterans and Civilians) to do so as well. This assessment is vital in determining where funding is allocated across IMCOM Installations as well as aiding Fort Riley as we strive to become a Premier Division-Level Installation. In order to attain a high confidence rating on the results, we need you to help by taking the survey at www.mymilitaryvoice.org <<http://www.mymilitaryvoice.org>> . The survey is open between the dates of 30 August through 26 September 2010. Please contact: Kelly Kreis, Customer Service Officer Fort Riley Customer Management Services 785-239-2540 with any questions.

Apple Days are over but we have someone in the Brigade that has lots of apples (4 apple trees at her house) to give away **FREE**, please text (no phone calls please) Lisa at 785-375-3606, you will need to make arrangements with her to pick them up.

Tell USO what we can do more for you! Take our survey at <http://TellUSO.org> - and register to win a \$500 Visa gift card. Hurry, survey closes Oct. 3

YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME IS NEEDED AFAP CONFERENCE: The Teen conference for all middle and high school students is 2 Oct 0900-1500, in the Teen Center, lunch provided free of charge. Adult conference 5-7 Oct, in Riley's Conference Center 0830-1430 with on-site childcare. Parents needing childcare need to pre-register with Becky Willis. Lunch will be provided, She is still working on how or if that will be paid for or if it will be offered as a pay as you go - more to follow soon. Also, AFAP is in need of FRTIs. There will be a FRTIs training on Sept 14-15-16. Times to come out soon. FRTIs stand for (facilitator, recorder, transcriber, issue support). Any questions about AFAP, AFTB, or Volunteers please contact Becky Willis at 239-9435 or at becky.willis@us.army.mil

Similac Baby Formula recall. Please continue to link, having issues please cut and paste: <http://stage.similac.com/recall/>

Yellow Ribbon Socials hosted by the Manhattan Military Relations Committee for All Spouses of Deployed Soldiers- Spouses see Bevin's comments at the bottom! The Yellow Ribbon Socials are hosted by the Manhattan Military Relations Committee (MRC). There are two events each month: one the first Wednesday and one the third Thursday. Occasionally a venue needs a different date to accommodate this group, but you can always check the date/time for the next event by emailing Bevin at bevin@manhattan.org. The event is at a different area restaurant each time. They try to go to a wide variety of places to offer different budget options and different tastes. This coming month's events are:

October 6 (1st Wednesday): Who needs Cinco de Mayo to enjoy great Mexican food? This month we're headed south of the border for some margaritas and fajitas at **La Fiesta**. Located in the Blue Hill Shopping Center at the corner of Tuttle Creek Blvd. and Kimball Ave., La Fiesta will have us all seated in their little big room. Chips, salsa, and unlimited queso dip are on us!

October 21 (3rd Thursday): Kiss the blarney stone for luck and head out to **Paddy O'Quigley's** for an excellent selection of pub fare and drink specials. We'll be seated in the upper bar area and have a bird's eye view of the big screens in case anyone wants to keep an eye on the Thursday night game. Check out their website at www.oquigleys.com.

The MRC provides FREE appetizers, but drinks, dinner and dessert are a Dutch treat. The first time you attend, they will give you a special token—a Little Apple pin. Thereafter, when you attend and wear the pin you are entered for a chance to win a FREE dinner as well. Any questions call Bevin at (785)776-8829 ext. 228 or email at bevin@manhattan.org. Per Bevin, "Many spouses have asked to begin participating shortly before the deployment begins in order

to begin building their network of support. That makes sense and we hope you can join us. Next event is at La Fiesta on Oct 6. Grab a friend and head out to see what the fun is all about.”

Extended Dependent Coverage up to Age 26- The recent Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) requires civilian health plans that provide medical coverage to children to make that coverage available until the child turns 26 years of age. The Act did not give the Department of Defense the authority to offer this benefit through TRICARE. There are provisions in the Senate and House versions of the pending National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 that would extend dependent medical coverage up to age 26 via a premium-based program. If enacted into law, the Department will make every effort to implement its provisions as soon as possible. We at TRICARE are proud to serve our nation's military heroes and their families and are committed to providing them the best possible health care. See top item on the news at www.tricare.mil and here is the popup direct.http://www.tricare.mil/NHCB_ExtendedDependentCoverage.aspx

The Ft Riley Enlisted Spouses Club is hosting a Fall Harvest Potluck and Craft night October 20th at the ASYMCA in Junction City from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Free childcare is available for this meeting. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish and a bag of fillers for the craft. Filler examples are: dried beans, corn seed, acorns, coffee, and rice. Please RSVP to <http://fortrileyesc.web.officelive.com> or to Tracey @ escpresident@hotmail.com <blockedmailto:escpresident@hotmail.com> no later than October 15th with your RSVP and names and ages of your children for childcare. Children must be registered with the ASYMCA for the childcare!!Tracey Duffy <<http://gfx2.hotmail.com/mail/w4/pr01/ltr/emoticons/rose.gif>>
ESC President Ft Riley Enlisted Spouses Club <http://fortrileyesc.web.officelive.com>

Sept 24-25	Case Lot Sale, Commissary - 9/24-25/2010 (9:00:00 AM - 8:00:00 PM) [Not Early Bird hours. More Information: Fort Riley Commissary web page], Fort Riley Commissary, Bldg. 2310 Trooper Dr.
Sept 25	Picerne Military Housing's annual resident carnival - 9/25/2010 (11:00:00 AM - 3:00:00 PM) [More Information]; Free. open to all Fort Riley Picerne Military Housing residents]
Sept 26	Riley's Brunch - 9/26/2010 (10:00:00 AM - 2:00:00 PM) Riley's Conference Center, Bldg. 446, Seitz Dr.
Sept 29	Monthly Retirement Ceremony - 9/29/2010 (9:00:00 AM - 10:00:00 AM) - - >Victory Parade Field, 580 First Division Road [Inclement Weather Location: King Field House, Bldg 202, Main Post]
Sept 29	Kick Off Ceremony, Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) - 9/29/2010 (11:30:00 AM) Fort Riley Donation Campaign 2010], Riley's Conference Center, Bldg. 446, Seitz Dr.
Sept 30	mTBI Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - 9/30/2010 (10:00:00 AM), mild Traumatic Brain Injury clinic, Bldg. 7606.

Sept 30	Happy Hour Show (MWR/DHR) - 9/30/2010 (performance, 7:00:00 PM), [Come early, for 7 pm showing and enjoy a Dinner Buffet, \$7.95/adults, beginning 5 p.m. If childcare is needed, contact 785-240-2822. RSVP by Sept. 23 to 785-239-9435] Riley's Conference Center, Bldg. 446, Seitz Dr.
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Social Media ways to get your Weekly News, Announcements and Updates:

1) 1 HBCT Weekly News Announcements will be posted for your convenience at the following link going forward: <http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=1bct> , click on the Weekly News and Announcement Section.

2) 1ID Div Newsletter is posted for you to view at the following link:
http://www.1id.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=1ID_FRG_Updates .

3) Post newspaper, published new every Friday, can be found at www.1divpost.com.

4) Information can also be found on our 1HBCT Facebook page.
http://www.facebook.com/note.php?created&¬e_id=139887829385380&id=129814630383090#!/1HBCTDevilBrigade?ref=sgm

5) Information and Attachments can also be found on the HHC, 1HBCT vFRG website:
instructions are:

1.Go to Army FRG Homepage: <http://www.armyfrg.org> Click on "Find an FRG" in the upper left navigation bar

2.Select the location of our FRG - "Kansas"

3.Select the Soldier's assigned Battalion or HHC from the listed FRGs at Ft Riley, Kansas- HHC, 1HBCT- The Devil Brigade (Kansas, UIC:WAHDAA), see below for the rest of the 1 HBCT Units.

4. In the dropdown window on the next page, make the appropriate selection. I am subscribing as a "Family Member" or "Soldier" (Remember that the Soldier must register first)

5. Enter the last 4 digits of the Soldier's SSN, first name and last name. YOU MAY RECEIVE THIS ISSUE- "The Soldier information you entered does not match any Soldier data in the vFRG database. Please check that the Soldier information is correct and try again". If you get this error, please do not continue to register. An email will be sent to us and we will manually add the Soldier's name. We will research the issue and reply via email to you. If you haven't received an email back in 72 hours, Email the FRSA and they will research and get the information in for you if applicable. You will need to provide her with Soldier's Full Name/Rank/SSN#. If you received the above message, you will need to wait to continue until we contact you. Please proceed to next step if no issues.

6. Follow the steps to complete the registration and the password needs to be 6-10 characters (if you are already a member of Army OneSource, you must use the same username and password for this site)

7. Registration is complete- hit "Continue" button

- You are at the "Welcome to Your FRG" page
- Go to the left hand column under "New Site Tools"

- Click on "Find an FRG" again
- Click on Kansas again and you will see in Red that you are pending approval- within 48 hours (usually less then that unless weekend/holiday) you will then receive an email stating that you have been approved. Email will state this: "To access your FRG, log into the Army FRG web site. After you do, you'll see a dropdown at the top of the screen on the right. Select your FRG from the dropdown and then click on the "Go" button next to it. "HHC, 1HBCT- The Devil Brigade" or your BN name **More detailed instructions are provided on the www.armyfrg.org homepage, or you can contact your FRSA for assistance.

101st Brigade Support Battalion (Kansas, UIC: WJA1AA)
1-1 BSTB (Kansas, UIC: WJM1AA)
1-16 Infantry, IRON RANGERS! (Kansas, UIC:WAHDAA)
1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery (Kansas, UIC: WAHNT0)
1st Engineer Battalion (Kansas, UIC: WAHCAA)
2-34 AR, 1BCT, 1ID (Kansas, UIC: WAHOTO)
4-4 Cavalry (Kansas, UIC: WGY7AA)

6) Fort Riley has launched an e-mail notification service. Sign up for "In Touch with Fort Riley" to get information about upcoming events or services on post and in the surrounding communities. To register, visit www.riley.army.mil and complete the form linked on the homepage.

7) Fort Riley Calendar with Events: <http://www.riley.army.mil/calendar/> bottom of that page lists additional calendars for surrounding

Attachments:

Brigade Blankets are still available to purchase, please see the order form attached. The Brigade must have 35 orders before submitting an order. \$35 /piece. Also if you are looking for an attachment on the Ft Riley Page or the Facebook page, please contact Noel @ noel.waterman1@us.army.mil and she will email it to you.